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#### (FROM THE NEWTOWN BEE ) BY THE FIRELMONT.

This night, the moonbeams' silvery light Floods hift, and vale, and meadow ; Se softly radiant is the earth. That flees all thoughts of shadow : A perfect stillness crowns the scene, Nor twin, nor leaf, bemovier : The brightest starry gems enhance This boon of Nature's giving.

It shipes within the pleasant room ; The wood fire, brightly glowing, Throws ruddy light upon the wall, In chestul colors showing The things around, with noth and likes, Which dancing flame is giving

And thought grows clearer as I gaze ;-

There seems a joy tu living. And as I hear the crackling sound, And watch the embers burning, From my past life returning! The friends of other days come in-Beloved ones to me given ; They bore the cross of suffering here,-They wear the crowr in heaven.

Yet feel that they are near me; And from Our Father's root o'erhend, They seem some imas to cheer me; Their fives are bright, with heaven soon light Forever free from soffices: I question whether Memory brings Me, most of pain or gladness.

I sit and watch : - behind the hills The moon is slowly going : The fire dies out :--with fitful gloom The last fire-coal is glowing Solike our lives fixed yet we trust

A golden morrage breaking :-rom our last sleep, the blessed ones Shall watch for the awaking.

# Secre Stories

## Bichie's Wife: OR.

A "GOOD FELLOW'S" CHRISTMAS GIFT:

When we hear a man mentioned as a bon vicant, we at once suppose that he is a person of unlimited wealth and unbounded leisure. We imagine him to be a refined epicure, who quite properly and elegantly prefers champagae instead of lager, and a delicate dinner of turtle soup, broiled birds and pute de foi gras. instead of a banquet of roast beef and the coarse accompanying side dishes thereof.

But the Americanized "good ,fellow" is quite a different sort of being, and the appellation is not an coviable one, imasmuch as the "good fellow" is often a "happy-go-lucky," "devil-may-care" barnan conglomeration of impudences and ignorance, and indolence, gilded with conviviality and a specious gayety of speech that passes for wit among his boon companions.

Richie Lee had been a "good fellow" from his birth, in school and college; and social and business life afterward. He was thoroughly honest, and he was neither a drunkard nor a spendthrift-and be staired a samry of two thousand a year--still he was always in debt and always harnsed with duns.

Richie Lee was thirty-one when his father died, devising hom a fine building and the control of the prosperous grecery trade that was established in the rather pretentions basement.

"I never saw a more convenient house" he said to his wife, as they were about to move to the new habitation "My dear, our purlor, dining-room, kitchen, scullery and closets will all be on the second flaor, with a family entrance on the cross street. The store will seem entirely separate, and we can make a fine profit by letting the third floor and atties. And then you and our boys will have a clearning space of back yard full of flowers

This fair, gentle-eyed wife smiled an antiable acquiescence to all his plausand his two tosy boys were jubiliantly noisy in their delight.

Two months passed, " It was then that Richie Lee aiscovered that his stock whe not quite a leguate to the demands of his customers, and that his private expenses exceeded his profits, Later toleraled ask of He never once imagined that his inst-

tention to business had brought about BARBEITSHOP, AND LADIES' this outlines had trought about this outlines state of affairs.

HAIR DRESSING EMPORIUM. "I wish I could ruse five hundred Corner of Kain and Way St. Nectors." Medians to lany a stock of holiday goods," Shoring transporting and Hair Dreschaustone smake a double profit, and clear ingenif he said to his wife one night. "I

> "How pet?" he hughed, as if she had uttered an amusing jest justend of a bit of wisdom.

"You will be angry of I tell you." "Not I, Susle. Tell me, if you can, how I can save that amount in five weeks.11

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"Well," began the little woman, vously, "give up your wine parties, billisrds, the theatre, smoke five cigars less a day, discharge the man in the store who, I am sure, is not honest, and sell your goods yourself. I will dispense with my cervant, and do my own work, beside helping you when you require assistance"

"What a wise Ettle girl she is," he re turned playfully. "I will thank of your advice, Smie"

But it was long after before he thought of it seriously. In the meantime he had borrowed the

Eve hundred dollars, and several hundred more, bought largely on credit, and lived just as extravagantly as before. As an inevitable consequence, before

the end of three years, a crowd of clamorous creditors pounced upon his comfortable property, and everything was sold to safefy their just demands. "Never mind, Susie," this unfortunate

thousand dollars a year will give us a gensonably fair Jving." "It will be difficult, I fear, for you to get such a situation and salary these times," answered the more wise and re-

go back to my old employment, and two

"Oh, well, I have a jolly good lot of briends, and they will let me have some thing now and then until I get a posi

flective Snaie.

"You will find, Richie, that these jolly good friends who helped you spend your money, will treat you as Timon, of Athens, was treated."

Richard Lee did not answer. He be gan to vaguely fear the future, and to

wish that in his prosperous days he had heeded the counsel of this little woman. Two months went by. He came in one evening more weary and harrassed than be and ever been in

his life before "This is ducedly rough Susie," he exeasily these "good fellows," lose their courage, patience and temper.) "I have advertised and answered advertisements until I am tired of ft. I have unde personal applications at hundreds of stores nutil I am disgusted with myself and the whole thing,"

"Your old employer will give your position as salesman at twelve dollars a week, you say. Take it, Richie, until you are sure of something better." "I would sooner beg! he answered,

ingrily. His wife flushed, and said no more. "To-norrew is rent-day," he went on, after a pause; "and I'd like to know

where I will get the money." "Perhaps you can borrow it," wered Susie, suspicionally demure. He looked at her a moment and then

amplied bitterly "I am another Timon, just as you prelicted," he said. "By the way, don't you think you could dispense with your diamond set for a while? We might pawn them, you know, ?

"I would never game anything," answered Spsie, impatiently, not at all pleased with the manner in which her 'good fellow" was dealing with his diamonds.

"The device you have?" muttered her ord. "The boys needed overcoats; and,

Richie, have you never wondered where the reut and food came from these two months back ?' "I have had something else to think was the augmeious response.

in her protty blue eyes. Poor Susie! She had a secret in her ender heart that it was very hard to withhold from the husband whom she devotedly loved in spite of his grievous

Richie had never suspected that this ise little woman had a handsome sum aid away that be and his bright boys eight not know actual privation. He ever gressed that ale had a large class of pupils in music, nor that the exquisite embruidery wrought night after night by her tireless fingers, was work for which she was handendely paid.

'Riche will never be pendent until be has had a hard lesson,"she righty thought and he had better have that bitter lesein now than after he had spent all the be a new alkies in the poor clear, good cheek, and then, without a word tell the

One sleety, biting night, Richie came home late shivering with cold and with an odd, abashed look on his hardsome

"Why, my dear, where is your overcoat ?" juquired Susie. "Well, love, you won't be hard on me

if I tell you," he answered, coaxingly caressing her pretty brown head. "You see I met an old triend, and I had to be civil to blim. Of course I could not ask him home in our reduced state of circumstances, so I got a little money on my coat and took him to acosy little dinner." "Private room in hotel-oysters, turtle soup, and champagne," observed Susie,

in dismay. "How much did it cost you ?" "Never mind the cost, pussy. It will be all right when I get something to do. ' Susic felt her angry tears coming fast,

but she kept them tack, and said noth-The foolish fellow must suffer or the will never be secsible," she thought;

"poor, poor, 'good' Richle." Half a year went by and still no em-amount of four thousand dollars, paya-ployment of his choosing could Richard ble to his own astonished self. Lee find.

"I cannot lise this way any longer, Saste," he declared one day to his patient wife. "Look at these rooms, only fit for 'good fellow" e id to his wife, "I can a pauper."

"I think they are very nice," replied the cheerful little woman, glancing at the bright carpet, the exquisite and spirited chromos on the pretty tinted wails, chie" and the large, stand of blooming flowers at the window. Susie did not know that her own brave and comely face would have made even a darksome cell a

place of brightness.
"And our food is simply execrable," went on the dissatisfied man, remembering the luxurious table to which he had always been accustomed.

"We have a wholesome plenty," returned Susie, losing for an instant ber divine sweetness of temper.

Instantly the "good fellow" became amiable, for during this trying time he his old position and old salary." began to comprehend that this gentle creature had a stronger will and better brain than his own, and that it might be good for him to bend sometimes to her wishes.

claimed, botly. (It is astorishing how did not mean to anger you, but this trou- me, and the most precious possession if ble is mighty rough, you know." "Richard, do you love mu?" asked

Susic abruptly. He opened his big, handsome eyes and gazed at her in amazement.

"Love you, Susie! I would die for you my darling-gladly, willingly, if by that you and our boys might be happy. Susie, when I married you I had but one purpose for our future, I meant, my love, that you should have every ease and pleasure of life. I meant that all women should envy you for your home and your husband, for your jewels and fine garments, your carriages and horses. But I have failed in everything-miserably

failed. He bowed his head upon Susie's knees and she could feel the passionate quiver ing of his frame and his hot tears on her

After a moment he raised his head and

continued: "You may blame me for much, Susie: but believe me, my greatest grief is for you and the boys. What you think my fatal fondness for the luxuries and refinements of life was taught me by my father, whom I believed to be exceedingly wealthy, although he required me roubles; "and I have already sold the to support myself when my college days were over. I knew nothing of a grocer's business - why should I not have failed? I ought to have been satisfied with the

> tion and salary. "Yes !" ausented Susie. "Susie, I believe it you would think

about it, you could suggest some means by which we might get out of this trou-Susie watched him with deep anxiety Think about #! What a blind, stupid,

good fellow," he was to be sure! Had

she not thought about it in weary, wake-

rent of the place, and ret-ined my post-

ful hours while he lay sleeping ! "If I should suggest something not ageeable to your desires, would you do as I wighed you-for love of the boys

and me. Richard ?" "I will Squie," he answered, earnestly. What is it I shall do ?"

'First, then, go to your old employer and accept his offer. Steady work will make its way, dear, always. And then, Richie (you won't be hurt, dear,) deny yourself a luxury until you can enjoy without debt. I will help you, my bus-

hand, heart, hand and soul. For a moment he sat silent. Then he took ber in his arms and alseed her with

He kept his promise faithfully, and as nonths went on, began to wonder if joil were not sweeter than idencess,

"How much have we to spend for s Christmas dinner, pussy ?" he asked Susie on Christmas Eye.

"Plenty, and quite enough besides for

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gifte for the boys and their father too," returned Susie, with an odd little smile. "My dear wife," he said, as he sat down to that Christmas dinner, "never allow anybody to call me a 'goed fellow' again. The term is anonymous with a sort of life I should never care to live again. Even should I have as large a fortune as I once expected to receive from my father, I should be just what

you have taught me to be, Snsie - a busy, saving, prudent man." "And here is a slight acknowledge ment of my appreciation of your ef-

forts," said Susie. And standing there behind with her arms about his neck, Susie laid the gift before him a check for more than the

diamonds, Susie ?" "No, nor the fourth part of it. Those are my savings of a few years." "Then why did you dispose of your

"You never specified all this for those

ornaments, dear ?" "They were too grand and fine for a music teacher and needle wowan, Ri-

He understood then what those daily absences, and long night hours of ceaseless needle work had meant, and he was glad of heart that he had made himself more worthy of that brave and devoted wife.

"And here is a present from your employer, dear." It was a brief note. "Mr. Richard Lee," it ran, "Is tender-

ed a week of rest, and for his commendable services and conduct will be with the beginning of the new year, gives "I don't deserve so many "tlessings." murmured the man brokenly, agitated to

tears.

atms. "There, pussy," he said lovingly; "I "My wife is the gift whom God gave have." That Christmas day was but the first

He arose and clasped Saste in his

of a life-long season of happiness and prosperity. A year later he learned that his father did possess a large fortune. and that, knowing Richie's proclivities for a spendthrift life, had withheld it from him by will until he should learn by bitter experience the lesson that Susie so lovingly and effectively taught him Richard Lee's unexpected wealth wes not detrimental to his moral welfare And Susie is happy as most such imcomparable wives always are sooner or later .

# To Train Up A Boy. ..

BILLES FOR EVERY PATHER TO POLLOW. Have you a boy from five to eight years old? If so, it is a matter of the greatest importance that you train him up right. Teach him from the start that he can't run across the floor, whoop, chase around the back yard, or use up few nails and boards to make carts boats. If you let him chase around he'll wear out shoes and crothes and nails and boards cost money.

Train him to control his appetite. Give him the smaller piece of pie; the bone end of the steak; the smallest potato, and keep the butter dish out of his reach. By teaching him to curb his appetite you can keep him in good humor. Boys are always in good humor when hunger gnaws at their stomachs. If he happens to break a dish thrash him for it; that will mend the dish and teach him a lessor at the same time.

If you happen to notice that your boys hoes are wearing out, take down the rod and give him a paeling. Those were purchased only ter months ago, and though you have worn out two pairs of boots during that timeshe boy has no business to be so hard on shoes. By giving him a sound thrashing you will prevent the shoes from wearing out When you want your boy to go on an

errand, you should state it and add ; "Now go as quick as you can, and If ou are gone over fixe minutes, I'll cut he hide off your back." He will recognize the necessity of finete

and hurry up. You sould not do the errand yourself inside of fifteen minutes, but he is not to know that. If you want him to pile wood, the way

to address him is thus: "Now see here, Henry, I want every stick of that wood piled up before noon. If I come home and find you baven't done it, I'll lick you till you can't stand